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GENEVA FOR AMB. GEORGE ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, BF  
SUBJ: BAHAMAS MILITARY FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

REFS: (A) STATE 112746 (B) STATE 098221 (C) NASSAU 0897  
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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RATIONALE WHICH PROMPTED DRAFT LETTER CONTAINED IN REF A. WE DO NOT FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATION ON THIS SUBJECT IS ADVISABLE. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE LETTER CONTAINED IN REF B STATING THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO MEET AGAIN IN EARLY JUNE WAS DELIVERED AS PER REF C AND WE HAVE YET TO RECEIVE A RESPONSE. ADDITIONAL LETTER FROM US MIGHT PRODUCE AN ADVERSE REACTION FROM THE HIGHLY SENSITIVE AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. SUCH A REACTION, IF IT WERE TO COME, WOULD BE PREFERABLE IN AN ORAL RATHER THAN A WRITTEN CONTEXT AS THE LATTER WOULD ALLOW HIM LESS FLEXIBILITY IN LATER MODIFYING HIS POSITION.

2. WE TOO SHARE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN THAT FACILITIES  
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NEGOTIATIONS NOT BE CONFUSED WITH OR TIED TO MARITIME BOUNDARIES ISSUE. YET AS WE READ DRAFT LETTER THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WOULD ENSUE. WE SEE NO REASON IN REFERRING TO MEETING OF APRIL 28 BETWEEN AMBASSADOR, DR. HODGSON AND ADDERLEY CONCERNING BOUNDARIES IN AGAIN COMMUNICATING OUR DESIRE THAT DISCUSSIONS ON FACILITIES RESUME IN EARLY JUNE OR REFERRING, AT THIS

TIME, TO DECISION THAT AMBASSADOR ALDRICH WILL HEAD  
US TEAM.

3. IN OUR VIEW WE SHOULD HOLD OFF ON THIS UNTIL  
AFTER NEXT SESSION OF TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS, AS  
ADDERLEY HAS ALREADY MADE CLEAR THAT HE WILL MOST  
PROBABLY NOT BE ATTENDING SESSION. AT THAT MEETING  
OR SHORTLY THEREAFTER - DEPENDING ON ITS SUCCESS -  
WE COULD THEN MAKE IT KNOWN THAT AMB. ALDRICH WILL,  
AS "SPECIAL AMBASSADOR," BE LEADING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS  
WITH ADDERLEY ON SUBSTANTIVE, I.E. QUID, ISSUES.  
(IN OUR OPINION TO NAME AMB. ALDRICH NOW AND HAVE  
HIM PARTICIPATE IN "TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS" IN JUNE  
COULD PROVIDE ADDERLEY WITH THE OUT OF AGAIN INSISTING  
ON NEGOTIATING! "SUBSTANTIVE" MATTERS WITH AMB. SCHWARTZ.)

4. GIVEN FACT THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR NOT DR.  
HODGSON WHO WERE PRESENT AT APRIL 28 MEETING WITH  
ADDERLEY ATTACHED ANY SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO ADDER-  
LEY'S COMMENT THAT "SUBSTANCE OF BASES NEGOTIATIONS  
COULD BE COMPLETED IN JUNE" AND THAT MIN EX AFF PERM  
SEC RUSSELL (WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT) SPECIFICALLY  
STATED TO DCM THAT IN THAT INSTANCE "MINISTER WAS  
TALKING OFF THE TOP OF HIS HEAD" (REF D) WE DO NOT  
THINK IT IN OUR INTEREST TO STRESS IT ORALLY OR IN  
WRITING AS DRAT LETTER APPEARS TO DO.

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5. WHAT WE SUGGEST THEREFORE IS THAT IN LIEU OF  
LETTER, AMBASSADOR MEET WITH ADDERLEY AND ATTEMPT TO  
SET DATES FOR NEXT TECHNICAL SESSION IN EARLY JUNE  
IN WASHINGTON OR NASSAU, THAT WE WITHHOLD INFORMING  
GCOB OF AMBASSADOR ALDRICH'S PARTICIPATION UNTIL AFTER  
THAT SESSION AND THAT AMBASSADOR RELAY SUBSTANCE OF  
PARA. 5 OF REFTEL A.

6. ALSO COULD DEPARTMENT CLARIFY REFERENCES CITED  
IN REF A. NASSAU'S 868, CITED THEREIN, CARRIES  
SUBJECT "C&R TDY SUPPORT FOR KINGSTON." WE HAVE NO  
RECORD OF RECEIVING STATE'S 04400.  
SCHWARTZ

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